

REMARKS

Applicants below formally respond to the *Restriction Requirement* of item (1) above, and submit a new set of formal drawings to address item (2) above.

Formal Response To Restriction Requirement

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the undersigned made a provisional election without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-71, during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on 24 March 2010. The Examiner then noted that “[a]ffirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action.”

Applicants therefore hereby formalize and confirm their election to prosecute claims 1-71 in the present application. As carried out above, Applicants have withdrawn from consideration the claims of Group II (72-78) and Group III (79-80).

Drawings Objected To Under 37 C.F.R. §1.84

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84. Specifically, the Examiner objected to drawings 2A-2D, 3A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A-7D, 8A-8D, 9, 10A, 10B, 11, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B, 15-17 and 31.

In response, Applicants submit herewith a complete set of formal drawings encompassing all previously submitted figures 1-19, all of which in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d).

Applicants point out that the previously submitted drawings spanned thirty one (31) sheets whereas the formal drawings submitted herewith span thirty five (35) sheets. The difference is due to the revision of Figures 7A-7D and 8A-8D; as Figs. 7A-7D originally appearing on one drawing sheet as did Figs. 8A-8D.. To meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.84, the subject matter previously depicted on each of those sheets is now illustrated across three sheets. No new subject matter has been

added to the present application due to the alternation of the drawings. In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

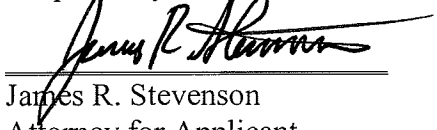
CONCLUSION

Before entry of this *Amendment And Response*, the present application had eighty (80) claims pending, nine (9) of which independent. Upon entry of this *Amendment And Response*, the application will have (71) claims pending, seven (7) of which independent. Eight (8) claims have been withdrawn due to a *Restriction Requirement*. A complete set of formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d) is submitted herewith.

Given the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the *Office Action* dated 15 April 2010. Applicants believe the application is ready to be allowed. Alternatively, at the very least, Applicants submit that a corrected Office Action be forthcoming due to the above identified deficiencies. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this *Amendment and Response*, she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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